

Amendments To The Claims

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Claims 1 to 11 (Canceled)

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Claim 12 (Previously Amended): A process comprising manufacturing a multi-layer packaging film for a packaging having at least one line of perforations that are provided in a pre-cut plastic layer as a surface layer of the multi-layer packaging film of the packaging, and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the multi-layer packaging film upon tearing open the packaging, including cutting the perforations completely through a film that is to be the pre-cut plastic layer, each at least one line of perforations extending from edge to edge of the multi-layer packaging film, and joining said pre-cut plastic layer at least one other layer to provide the multi-layer packaging film, and providing a notch for initiating tearing in the region of the perforations, said packaging being easy to open by means of said tear line.

Claim 13 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer is joined to the at least one other layer by means of an adhesive layer to make up the multi-layer film.

Claim ~~14~~ (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 13, wherein the perforations are cut before coating the film with adhesive.

Claim ~~15~~ (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 13, wherein the perforations are cut after coating the film with adhesive.

Claim 16 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 14, wherein two lines of perforations are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film on tearing open the packaging, and the notch is situated between the two lines of perforations.

Claim 17 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 16, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

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~~Claim 18~~ (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 15, wherein two lines of perforations are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film on tearing open the packaging, and the notch is situated between the two lines of perforations.

~~Claim 19~~ (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 18, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 20 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer is joined to the at least one other by means of extrusion to make up the multi-layered film.

Claim 21 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 20, wherein two lines of perforations are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which

propagates in the packaging film on tearing open the packaging, and the notch is situated between two lines of perforations.

Claim 22 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 21, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 23 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein two lines of perforations are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guideline on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film on tearing open the packaging, and the notch is situated between the two lines of perforations.

Claim 24 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 23, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 25 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 13, wherein two lines of perforations are cut parallel or substantially parallel to each other and at a distance (e) apart as guidelines on both sides of a tear which propagates in the packaging film on tearing open the packaging, and the notch is situated between the two lines of perforations.

Claim 26 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 25, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

Claim 27 (Previously Amended): The process according to Claim 12, wherein the packaging film is employed for the production of pouch forms of packaging.

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Claim 28 (Previously Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film manufactured using the process according to Claim 12, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 29 (Previously Amended): Packaging according to Claim 28, wherein the pre-cut plastic layer with the perforations is situated on the inner side of the packaging.

Claim 30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Previously Amended): Packaging according to Claim 29, wherein the notch is situated between two lines of perforations.

Claim 32 (Canceled).

Claim 33 (Previously Amended): Packaging according to Claim 28, wherein the notch is situated between two lines of perforations.

Claim 34 (Previously Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film manufactured using the process according to Claim 13, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 35 (Previously Amended): Packaging according to Claim 34, wherein the film with the perforations is situated on the inner side of the packaging.

Claim 36 (Canceled).

Claim 37 (Previously Amended): Packaging according to Claim 35, wherein the notch is situated between two lines of perforations.

Claim 38 (Previously Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film manufactured using the process according to Claim 17, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

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Claim 39 (Previously Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film manufactured using the process according to Claim 19, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 40 (Previously Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film manufactured using the process according to Claim 10, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 41 (Previously Amended): Packaging comprised at least in part of a packaging film manufactured using the process according to Claim 23, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film.

Claim 42 (Previously Amended): A packaging comprising two opposed wall members comprising a multi-layer packaging film, each wall member having at least one line of perforations that are provided in an outer plastic surface layer of said wall member and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film upon tearing open the packaging, a notch for initiating tearing in

region of the perforations, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film, the packaging being easy to open by means of said tear line.

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Claim 43 (New): The packaging according to Claim 42 wherein each wall member has two lines of perforations that are parallel or substantially parallel to each other and that are at a distance (e) apart from each other, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the wall member, the two lines of perforations of each wall member are aligned with the two lines of the other wall member, for each wall member, the perforations of each line of perforations extend completely the outer plastic surface layer, each line of perforations from edge to edge of the packaging, and a notch is located on an edge of the packaging and between the two lines of perforations of each wall member.

Claim 44 (New): A packing comprising two opposed wall members comprising a multi-layer packaging film, each wall member having at least one line of perforations that are provided in an inner plastic surface layer of said wall member and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film upon tearing open the packaging, a notch for initiating tearing in region of the perforations, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of inner surface of the packaging film, the packaging being easy to open by means of said tear line.

Claim 45 (New): The packaging according to Claim 44 wherein each wall member has two lines of perforations that are parallel or substantially parallel to

each other and that are at a distance (e) apart from each other, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the wall member, the two lines of perforations of each wall member are aligned with the two lines of the other wall member, for each wall member, the perforations of each line of perforations extend completely the inner plastic surface layer, each line of perforations from edge to edge of the packaging, and a notch is located on an edge of the packaging and between the two lines of perforations of each wall member.

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Claim 46 (New): A packaging comprising two opposed wall members comprising a multi-layer packaging film, one of the wall members having at least one line of perforations that are provided in a plastic surface layer of said wall member and serve as an aid for alignment of a tear line propagating in the packaging film upon tearing open the packaging, a notch for initiating tearing in region of the perforations, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the packaging film, the packaging being easy to open by means of said tear line.

Claim 47 (New): The packaging according to Claim 46 wherein each wall member having at least one line of perforations has two lines of perforations that are parallel or substantially parallel to each other and that are at a distance (e) apart from each other, rim around outer opening of each perforation is flat and in plane of outer surface of the wall member, the perforations of each line of perforations extend completely the outer plastic surface layer, each line of perforations extends from edge to edge of the packaging, and a notch is located

on an edge of the packaging and between the two lines of perforations of each wall member.

Claim 48 (New): The packaging according to Claim 47 wherein the wall member with the two lines of perforations is situated on the inner side of the packaging.

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